



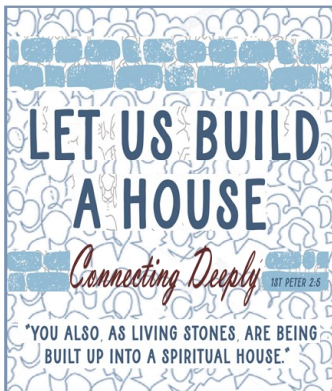
Worship

- In-person worship—**9:30 AM Sundays**
- Online worship continues, and is live-streamed to our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) pages



Church Council 2024

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The church office will be closed on Monday, October 7th.

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to everyone that helped make Pastor Bruce and Cynthia's farewell celebration service and brunch wonderful. So many people helped out from setting up tables/chairs, bringing food and flower arrangements, helping during the service, and donating money. We are truly a great congregation that comes together for whatever is needed. Here are some memories of Pastor Bruce and Cynthia's celebration.



PIC-COLLAGE

October Food Distribution

Serve a neighbor in need...help strengthen a ministry...put love and faith into action. Nourishing Hope Food Distribution. **Monday, October 14th**. Two opportunities:

- **10:00 AM** Food box packing. Our Father's Lutheran in Rockford. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food>)
- **3:30 PM** Food distribution. Here at LOC. Sign up here: (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-food1>)



Adult Mission Trip to Belize 2025

We are excited for and have started planning for the LOC Mission trip to Belize March 1-8. We will be doing work in the village of Bella Vista (Pastor Kebin's area). We are planning on hosting a VBS/sports camp, food delivery/home visits, medical/eye clinic, building work (making picnic tables, bunk beds, helping with the church kitchen, helping work on Pastor Kebin's house). We have a few more spots left for the mission - we are hoping to take 14 people. So if you are interested in going let us know by **November 1, 2024**. If you have any questions please email Jennifer Grant at jconnection.jg@gmail.com. Please prayerfully consider serving with Christ in Belize.

Attention LOC Gardeners!

If your garden is overflowing with goodness, the Delano Helping Hands Food Shelf is happy to take any extra produce off your hands! You can drop off produce at the Food Shelf between 5-6 on Tuesdays or 9-11 on Thursdays. If those times don't work for you, call us at 763-972-4455 and leave a message. We will get back to you to schedule another drop off time. Or, text Jo Williamson at 602-501-7903 to make arrangements.



Golf For Love - \$18,000 Raised

We are praising and thanking God for our church partners, sponsors, volunteers, and local businesses that made this event a success. Thank you for your support!



Christmas Store Help - Love INC Heartland

The Christmas Store gives Love INC families the option to shop Christmas gifts for their children at no cost to them. Interested in helping? info@loveinheartland.org

Call Committee Update

Dear Congregation,

We wanted to provide you with an update regarding our search for a new Pastor.



After careful consideration and discussions over the past couple of months, we came to a mutual decision last week that the candidate we have been working with will not be moving forward due to some health-related issues. While this decision is certainly disappointing, we believe it is in the best interest of both the candidate and our congregation.

We remain committed to finding the right person to serve our community and will continue our search diligently. We were able to connect with Pastor John Huldson last week when he was at Light of Christ and he let us know the Synod office will begin to seek new candidates for us. Thank you for your understanding and support during this process. We will keep you updated on any developments.

Blessings, *The Call Committee*

Finding Your Stories

We become who we are by the stories we tell and the listeners who hear them. Simply put, stories can be a powerful way of sharing our faith or transformative moments in our lives. But sometimes, we convince ourselves our stories aren't worthy, and once we've done that, we have difficulty hearing other people's stories. At other times, we live in such small spaces that the set of stories we have available is pretty limited (thank you, social media).

Join us for a workshop with Dr. Mary Hess, professor of educational leadership at Luther Seminary, who will share a simple recipe for listening to, and then telling, a story. Don't worry about whether or not you have a story to tell; simply join us after worship on a Sunday morning for a fun experience. We will meet for an hour and a half on October 13th at 11 AM, and again on October 27th for an hour of optional practice and a time of story sharing. To sign up, contact Paul Nelson at pnnelspa@gmail.com.

New Member/Partner Sunday



If you or someone you know is interested in joining Light of Christ, please contact the [church office](#) for more information, or watch for information on our next reception of new members/partners on **November 10th**.

THE HOOT

Newsletter for the OWLS
(*Older Wiser Lutherans*)

by Sue Fink



The cooler fall weather is upon us and with it some fun and interesting outings/offerings:

- ♦ **October 17th** we head to Carlson Orchard near Winsted to purchase apples, pies, and gifts, and have lunch at their newly owned restaurant. Details to follow.
- ♦ Bible Study meets after Sunday service at 11:00 AM. We continue our study of *Growing Older and Wiser*. Please invite others and contact Sue Fink if you need a book or lesson copies.

Check our bulletin board by the Fellowship Hall for events and services announced by the Delano Senior Center.



Adult Choir

Adult choir rehearses every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM. Attendance at all rehearsals is not mandatory. Contact [Katie](#) with any questions.

Women's Bible Study

The women's bible study **meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at LOC through April 7**. We will not meet in December. If you are interested in participating, please respond to Lindsay Lindall at lindsay.lindall@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



Light of Christ is turning 40!

2025 is the 40th anniversary of Light of Christ. The Church Council is planning to appoint a 40th Anniversary Committee of four to six people to spearhead our celebration. We'd like to have an anniversary committee that reflects the make-up of the congregation: male and female, different ages, long-time members/partners and newer members/partners, and so forth. If you'd like to be considered to serve on this committee, please let a member of the Church Council know of your willingness to serve. Thank you!

Confirmation Corner

This year we have 63 youth in our Confirmation ministry (grades 7-9) along with 21 adult Guides/Subs and many HS Junior Guides! We also have a great group of 10th graders that are going through their Mentoring sessions before being confirmed next spring. *Thank you for keeping these ministries, volunteers, youth, and their families in your daily prayers throughout the year!* If you are reading this and want to support the youth and families involved in this ministry, we ALWAYS welcome donations to our scholarship fund...this mainly helps with more expensive things like retreats, camps, and trips. **THANK YOU** for your partnership in ministry (and support of our youth)!

Confirmation Jr. Guides

Youth in grades 10-12 are invited to help as a Jr. Guide for Confirmation! This is a great way to connect with other HS youth, grow in your leadership skills (and put on applications/resumes) and have a lot of fun! Youth can help as little or as much as they are able. Talk to Kirsten if you are interested! Here's what the Wednesday schedule will look like:

- 6:45-7:15 PM = Meet with Heidi Wuerger (and other trusted adults) in the Living Room to hang out, have snacks/pizza and share highs and lows
- 7:20-8:00 PM = HS Youth meet with the Confirmation small groups to assist the Guides

Fall Confirmation Retreat!

We are SO excited to have a fall Confirmation retreat again this year (after not being able to find dates that worked last year). All youth (grades 7-10) are expected to attend (and truly won't want to miss out!). Here are the details:

When? 5:30 PM, Friday, November 1st – 1:00 PM, Sunday, November 3rd

Where? Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp in Amery, WI

Who? Grades 7-10 and adult volunteers from LOC

What? An incredible faith and relationship-building weekend filled with campfires, games, important conversations, time with friends and lots of good food 😊

Why? We know that these longer times together provide a unique opportunity to grow deeper together in our friendships and relationship with God. We love our Wednesday nights, and yet these retreats are often "where the magic" happens – that so many youth talk about in their Faith Statements when they are confirmed! For that reason, we say that these retreats are "required" for all Confirmation youth, because we know how important and significant they are! Please put it on your calendar and make it a priority... you'll be glad you did.

Cost? \$225/youth – this covers the retreat fee (\$185), transportation, supplies, snacks and adult costs (our adults attend free). If this fee is prohibitive, **PLEASE** reach out to Kirsten. We want all youth to attend, no matter what. Partial or full scholarships are available!!! **Register online** at this link: <https://lwlbc.com/ignite2024>



Help Fill the Fridge!!!

As we all know, "Food is Fellowship!" And this includes having snacks and drinks for the youth as we gather throughout the year. We invite any donations of drinks or snacks for the Living Room that can be available to our youth when we gather on Wednesdays or for special events. Whether it's leftover soda or juice boxes from this summer (or grad parties) or something you're willing to purchase... we'd love to have our fridge and



cupboards filled with drinks/ snacks for upcoming Wednesday nights! Donations can be dropped off in the Living Room anytime. If you would like a charitable donation receipt, please contact Kirsten. Thanks for your partnership in ministry!

Confirmation Calendar

(All events are 6:15-8:00 PM unless noted otherwise. See more details included on this page.)

10/9 = Teaching Night

10/16 = No Confirmation

10/23 = Teaching Night

10/30 = Teaching Night (and Mission Trip Info Meeting/Registration Opens!)

11/1-11/3 = Fall Retreat for grades 7-10!

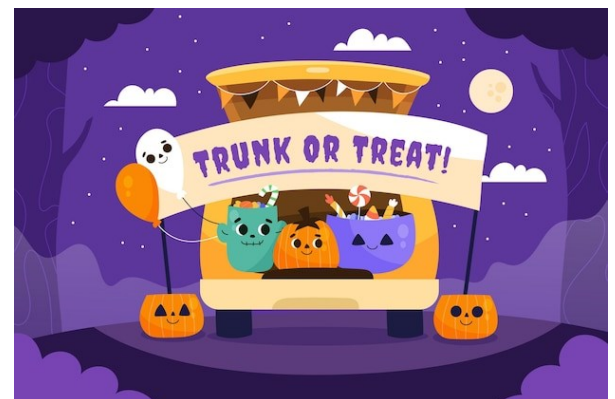


Trunk or Treat this Fall!

We are hosting Trunk or Treat at Light of Christ again this fall on **Sunday, October 27 from 3-5 PM!** This is a fun, family event where kids of all ages can dress up and go "trunk to trunk" to get a treat and have fun at church! We are looking for people/families to put together a theme-based trunk and also need donations to hand out (candy, pencils, snacks, etc). Sign up at this link for either:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0848A9A72AAAF85-51909660-trunk#/>

Please contact Kirsten with any questions Kirsten.Kelly@locdelano.com!





God's Global Barnyard

Global Barnyard is part of the ELCA Good Gifts program. An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Some animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops, wool to make

clothes, and offspring to sell at the market. With one gift you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.

Last year the children of Light of Christ, with your help and support, raised **\$1524.52** for the Global Barnyard. There are several ways you can help.

- ⇒ **PIGGY BANKS:** Take a piggy bank – fill it and bring it back **October 27**.
- ⇒ **GIVE ONLINE:** Go to [Light of Christ's home page](#) – click the **GIVE** tab – it will take you to the link to give online.
- ⇒ **NOISY OFFERING:** Save up those coins and bring them on **Sunday, October 27** for our Noisy Offering! What a treat to help others get out of poverty!



Sunday morning Explorers

Explorer activity time



Explorers—Adult Assistants Needed!

Explorers are our 3-year-olds -- 2nd graders that are dismissed from Sunday worship service following the Children's Message. They gather for approximately 20 minutes for an age-appropriate Bible story and activity. We have several dedicated people who have agreed to take the lead teacher position for Explorers. Keeping with our Safe Sanctuary policy to keep kids safe, we do need a second adult to be present with the class and to assist as needed. Please sign up to help keep our Explorers exploring God's Word. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A4AB22A4FCCF8-50886125-explorers>